

Investigating spelling rules  
for adding the suffix

cian.

# What is a suffix?

- A suffix is a group of letters that comes at the end of a word.
- They change the meaning of words.
- Knowing the rules for suffixes can help us to understand and spell words better.

# Suffixes

The suffixes -tion, -sion and -cian all make a 'shun' sound.

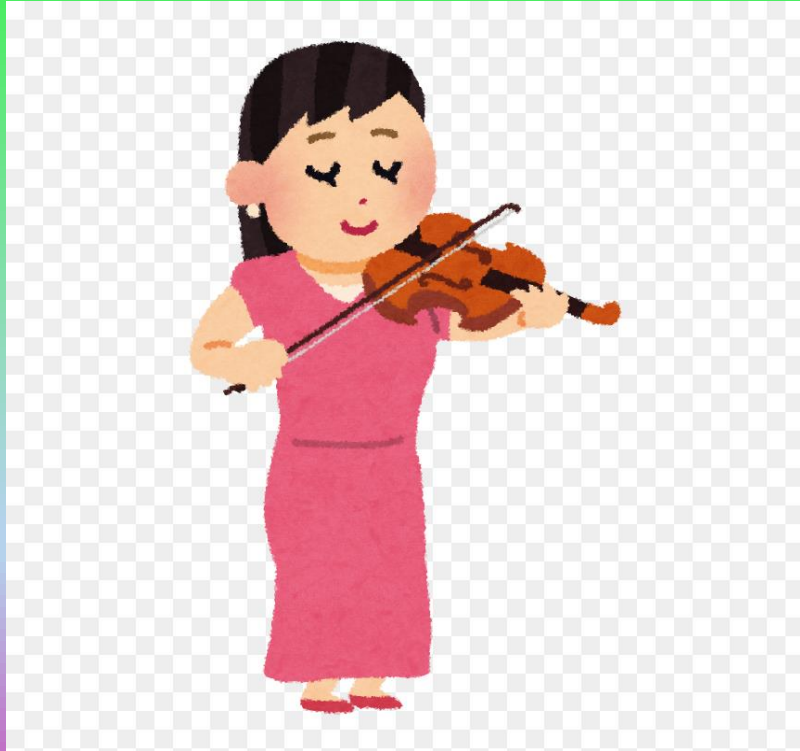
There are some rules for helping us add the correct ending.

Not all words with tion have an obvious root word

## Adding -cian

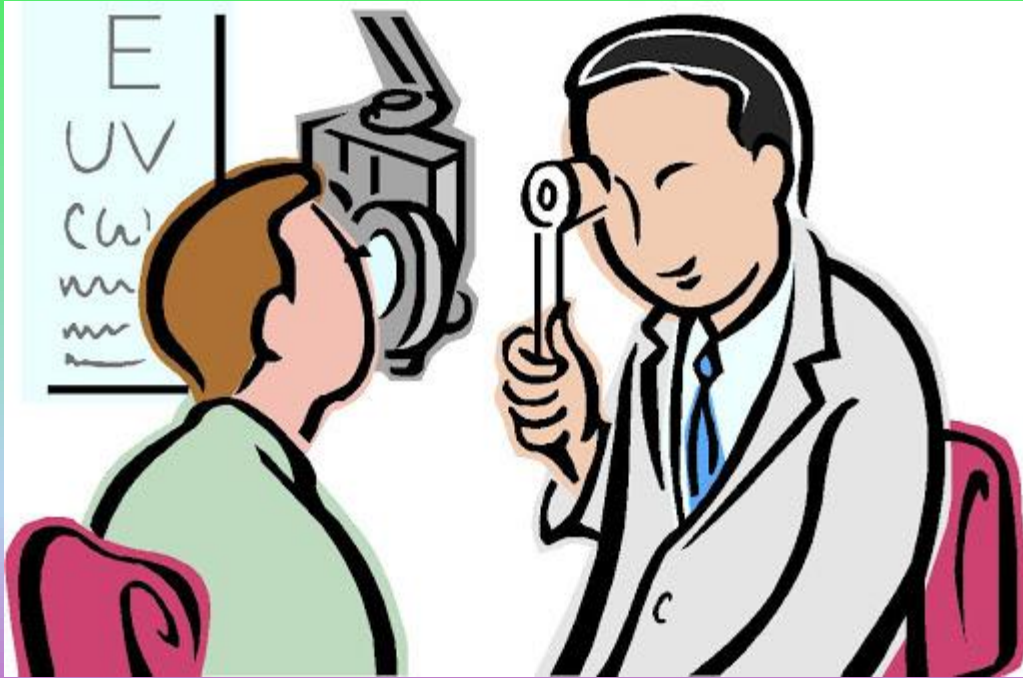
The suffix cian is usually added to a persons job, to show that they are the one who does that job.

# Adding -cian



If you make  
music, you are a  
musician

# Adding -cian



If you check  
people's eyes, you  
are an optician

# Adding -cian



If you are trained to give beauty treatments, you are a beautician

# Adding -cian



If you are trained to work with electricity, you are an electrician.



Can you think of any other jobs that have a  
**cian** suffix?